

City of Lakewood

SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

2016

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

TerraCycle School Recycling Program

Lindsey Rankin



Like most schools, Hutchinson Elementary produces tape, glue, pens, energy bar wrappers and other waste streams that may be common, but are difficult to recycle and can't be placed into a typical single-stream recycling program. When Lindsey Rankin, a mother of two and avid recycler, discovered there was a program that would recycle these difficult items, she launched the TerraCycle School Recycling Program.

By working with the school to place a variety of collection bins in the facility, and through education and training of students and teachers, Lindsey's personal initiative has kept more than 50 pounds of writing utensils, 2,500 ink and toner cartridges and more than 544 baby food pouches out of the landfill.

The program also has inspired our future leaders. A year after the program was launched, Lindsey started an environmental club with 3rd graders at the school, in which the students garden at the school and continue to grow the recycling program.

Achievement Area

- Waste Reduction & Recycling

